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MAN CHARGED WITH THREATENING FEDERAL OFFICIALS IN ARIZONA

NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - September 24, 2008

San Diego, CA - United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that today a federal grand jury sitting in the District of Arizona handed up a four-count indictment charging Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez with Threatening a Federal Official and Obstruction of Justice.

The indictment charges that in July 2008, Salazar-Martinez threatened to assault or murder the United States Attorney for the District of Arizona Diane J. Humetewa and Assistant United States Attorney Bret Alexander, District of Arizona. The charges stem from a letter Salazar-Martinez attempted to send to U.S. Attorney Humetewa and Assistant U.S. Attorney Alexander in which Salazar-Martinez threatened them harm if they discharged their official duties in the prosecution of Salazar-Martinez for violations of Title 8, United States Code, Section 1326(b)(1) - Re-entry After Removal (Felony).

The U.S. Attorney's Office for the Southern District of California is handling this matter since it involves the District of Arizona's own employees as victims.

The defendant will be arraigned in federal court in Phoenix, Arizona.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: CR081119PHX

Julian Javier Salazar-Martinez

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section 115(a)(1)(B) - Threatening a Federal Official
Maximum Penalties: Six years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1503 - Obstruction of Justice
Maximum Penalties: Five years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.

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An indictment itself is not evidence that the defendant committed the crimes charged. The defendant is presumed innocent until the Government meets its burden in court of proving guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.